## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF FITZWILLIAM TOWN WARRANT 2017

To the inhabitants of the Town of Fitzwilliam, in the County of Cheshire, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitzwilliam on Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of March next between eleven (11:00) o'clock in the forenoon and seven (7:00) o'clock in the afternoon to act on issues required to be voted on by ballot (Articles 1 through 4) and to meet at seven (7:00) in the afternoon to act on the business matters of the Town (Articles 5 through 28). The polls will be open on ballot issues not later than 11:00 a.m. and close not earlier than 7:00 p.m., or such later time as shall be authorized by a vote of the Town.

**ARTICLE 1.** To bring in your votes for the election of one Selectman for three years; one Town Clerk for three years; one Fireward for three years; two Budget Committee Members for three years; one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years; Two Trustees of the Library for three years; one Cemetery Trustee for three years; two Planning Board members for three years; one Commissioners of Plante Memorial Park for three years.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing wetlands ordinance 127-16.1 Section B and Section C to recognize *prime wetlands* as follows: "Prime Wetlands" include any high value wetland that has been designated by vote and approved by the state as defined in Subsection B above and listed as follows and to designate a 100-foot buffer around these wetlands?

- (1) Sip Pond Complex
- (2) Sportsman Pond Complex
- (3) Scott Pond Complex
- (4) Pierce Road Marsh
- (5) Martin road Marsh East
- (6) North Boyce Brook Marsh

Yes No

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing wetlands ordinance 127-16.1 by making numerous changes

throughout the ordinance that are intended for clarification, including the addition of new definitions?

Yes No

(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment.

Yes No

**ARTICLE 5.** To hear and act upon the reports of Agents, Committees and Officers, heretofore chosen.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,856,869.00 for general municipal operations, or take any action thereon. The Selectmen recommend \$1,856,869.00. NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations voted in any other warrant articles.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund created by ARTICLE #24 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action thereon. (The selectmen proposed the following projects for 2017: Repair Town Hall Tower and any other projects as needed). (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be added to the Town Hall Painting Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of painting the town hall including the steeple, tower and clock created by Article #16 of the 2003 Annual Meeting, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created by ARTICLE #17 of the 1995 Annual Meeting, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

- ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created by ARTICLE # 11 of the 1969 Annual Meeting for the purchase of a fire department vehicle, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)
- ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote change the purpose of the existing Fire Department Capital Reserve fund created by Article #11 of the 1969 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing fire department equipment to a Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Purchase Expendable Trust Fund for the purchasing of fire department vehicles and equipment and to name the Board of selectmen as agents to expend from said fund in the best interest of the town, or take any action thereon. (2/3 vote required).
- **ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 for the purpose of painting and repair to the exterior of the Fitzwilliam Town Library, or take any action thereon. Note: this is phase two of a three phase project. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)
- **ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of repairing the fire escape and sprinkler system of the Fitzwilliam Town Library, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)
- **ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the purpose of constructing a garage at the Pine Grove Cemetery, or take any action thereon.
- (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)
- **ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Repairs Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of Fire vehicle and equipment repairs created by Article #20 of the 2015 Annual Meeting or any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing protective clothing (bunker gear) and pagers, for the use of the Fire Department created by Article #20 of the 2004 Annual Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,600 for the purpose of purchasing a radar board, camera and trailer for the police department or take any action thereon..

(Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$280,000 to be added to the Roads Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund created by ARTICLE #8 of the 2011 Town Meeting, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of purchasing a chipper for the highway department, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the current chipper; with any proceeds from the sale of said chipper used as an offset to fund said appropriation, or take any actions thereon.

(Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve created by Article #18 of the 1986 Annual Town Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommend by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining highway vehicles and equipment repairs created by Article #25 of the 2012 Annual Meeting or any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote change the purpose of the existing Highway Department Capital Reserve fund created by Article #18 of the 1986 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing highway department equipment to a Highway Department Expendable Trust Fund for the purchasing of highway department vehicles and equipment and to name the Board of selectmen as agents to expend from said fund in the best interest of the town, or take any action thereon. (2/3 vote required).

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for the acquisition of a fork lift at the Transfer Station created by Article #16 of the 1997 Annual Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote change the purpose of the existing Transfer Station Capital Reserve fund created by Article #16 of the 1997 Town Meeting for the purpose of the acquisition of a fork lift at the Transfer Station to a Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund for the purchasing and repairs of Transfer Station equipment and to name the Board of selectmen as agents to expend from said fund in the best interest of the town, or take any action thereon. (2/3 vote required).

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Conservation Land Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #19 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire and sell land, buildings or both. This authorization is in accordance with RSA 41:14-a, and will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the municipal meeting, or take any action thereon.

**ARTICLE 27.** Shall the town adopt the "all veterans' property tax credit" under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was

honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$500, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

ARTICLE 28. (By Petition) Be it resolved that the town of Fitzwilliam will not participate or support random identification demands and/or forcible removal of any resident of Fitzwilliam by any officers, officials and/or designated representatives of Homeland Security Agency, United State Immigration Services for reasons of a resident's immigration status

**GIVEN UNDER** our hands this 6th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen.

Susan Silverman, Chairman Nancy Carney, Vice-Chairman Christopher J. Holman BOARD OF SELECTMEN